AMENDMENT

In The Claims:

1-17 (Original).

18. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing a tape with nails extending therethrough;

drawing the tape along a guide in a manner so as to <u>bend the tape and</u> expose a head of the nail from the tape at a selected position on the guide; and

positioning a claw adjacent the selected position of the guide to engage the nail head and remove the nail from the tape.

19-23 (Original).

24. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 23 wherein the step of changing the direction of the path of travel of the tape includes forming a bend in bending the tape thereby creating a gap between the nail head and the tape as the tape is drawn over the selected position.